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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: D. Tran
DANIEL R. LEGER, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3661
Application No.: 09/698,278)	
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Filed: October 30, 2000)	
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For: WEATHER INFORMATION)	December 7, 2004
NETWORK INCLUDING	:	
GRAPHICAL DISPLAY)	

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REPLY BRIEF

Sir:

Appellants respectfully wish to reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed October 7, 2004. The Reply Brief is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.193 and M.P.E.P. §1208.03. Three copies of the Reply Brief are being provided.

In the Response to Argument section of the Examiner's Answer (pages 4 and 5), with respect to the rejections of claims 1 and 8 and claims 6 and 7, Appellants respectfully take issue with the interpretation of the primary citation to Musland-Sipper (U.S. Patent No. 6,313,759). More specifically, the Examiner's Answer contends that the word "information" as claimed (in claims 1, 6 and 8) is a very broad term that basically encompasses all data to be read

by a person, and concludes that the definition of "information" would include the "deviation" of the Musland-Sipper patent.

As discussed in detail in the Brief on Appeal filed July 21, 2004, the Musland-Sipper patent provides a graphical interface with a REPORT/REQUEST menu 70 as shown in Figure 7. This menu shows an actuating button 2L to bring up a "REQ WEATHER DEV" page, which allows the operator to request for a "weather deviation" up to a specified distance and in a given direction (column 4, lines 24-27). There are no details in Musland-Sipper as to the information provided in response to this request.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that Appellants' claims allow for "specific weather information" to be requested from the user and not merely information. Secondly, it is submitted that the limited disclosure in Musland-Sipper is insufficient to teach or suggest that a user can request specific weather information. As discussed above, the display page disclosed in Musland-Sipper allows the operator to request a "weather deviation up to a specified distance and in a given direction," but does not provide any details regarding the information comprised in the request.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Musland-Sipper patent cannot be read to teach or suggest, among other features, requesting specific weather information, and this deficiency is not remedied by the secondary citations to Simpson (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,882) or Ray (U.S. Patent No. 5,757,322). Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to Claims 1, 3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103 are respectfully requested.


With respect to claims 9-39, Appellants respectfully stand by their remarks in the Brief on Appeal filed July 21, 2004.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, independent claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 14, 19, 24, 28, 32 and 35 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the cited art, whether taken individually or in combination with each other, for the reasons given above. Accordingly, the Board is respectfully requested to reverse the outstanding rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Appellants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to Honeywell's address given below.

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